

Family Information Service support for Children with SEND

Information and support available to families and professionals, for with children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

SEND Local Offer (LO)

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer helps families by gathering in one place, the information that they need to know in order to make informed choices about the support they receive. It has been co-produced with parents/carers and young people with SEND. You will find accessible activities, relevant news and developments, information to support children with special educational needs (SEN) and their families. To access, please visit www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer

The Wellbeing and Autism Wheel

The information held within this wheel is applicable to a wide range of developmental needs and is not exclusive to autistic spectrum disorder. It can be used to find information and guidance in helping support a range of needs.

To access this tool, please visit www.supportincornwall.org.uk/autismwheel

Discretionary Grants

The Family Information Service offers two discretionary grants that providers can apply for.

The **Early Years Discretionary Inclusion Fund** is restricted to funded children who face additional barriers where, without specialist individualised support, their inclusion within a setting would be seriously compromised. Funded children will be in receipt of 15- or 30-hour funding.

The **Childcare Discretionary Inclusion Grant** is a small grant fund to support the inclusion of children with significant, individual needs, who may need some additional help in order to access childcare or holiday activity provision.

Contact us

Email: fis@cornwall.gov.uk

Call **0800 587 8191**

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: **0300 1234 100**



Kernow Young Carers

The Family Information Service can offer support to the siblings of children who have disabilities, through its helpline for Kernow Young Carers. This service can support young people up to the age of 25 with the following:

- information
- guidance
- support
- activities and trips
- short breaks
- school groups
- training and educational sessions
- wellbeing practitioners and CBT

We take referrals over the telephone, ensure you obtain parental permission before you call us on **0800 587 8191**.

FREE Max Cards

The Children Act 1989 requires all Local Authorities to establish a record of disabled children and young people (up to the age of 19) in their area. We offer free max cards to all children registered with us, who have a long term health condition, disability or mental health condition that meets the equality act 2010.

The Max Card entitles the child to discounts at top attractions throughout the UK, as well as in Cornwall.

How to apply

To apply for a Max Card through the Family Information Service, ask a parent/guardian to follow these steps:

- Create an account on the Support in Cornwall website
- Sign in to your new account
- Register your child, along with their disability, on the Disabled Children's Record.
- Select the option on the register to have a card sent to your family.
- The Family Information Service will send you a card in the post.

Alternatively, request a paper copy of the Disabled Children's Record form, but ensure you leave a telephone number so that you can be contacted for your permission to be sent a max card.

Support for Parents

As a signposting service, The Family Information Service can direct parents to meaningful sources of support, such as Parent Carers Cornwall and Parents 4 Parents. Depending on their situation, they may also be able to access services such as Home Start; offering practical and emotional support to families, through the use of trained volunteers offering 2 - 3 hours per week. The service is aware of workshops offered by local charities and organisations, as well as the parenting programme offer from Cornwall Council.